



Arnaldo Abate

July 7, 1941 - June 8, 2021

Passed into the loving embrace of God on June 8, 2021, from his home and surrounded by family. He was just weeks shy of his 52nd wedding anniversary and his 80th birthday. Arnold was born on July 7, 1941, in Amantea, Cosenza, Calabria, Italy to Michele and Theresa (Vadachino) Abate. He immigrated to the USA in 1959, settling on North Pearl St with his immediate family, including his father, stepmother Carolina (Esposito) Abate, three brothers and three sisters.

Arnold's first job in the US was at the Star Market in Albany. Soon after, he joined the Laborers Union Local 190, and remained a proud union laborer for nearly 40 years. During his career as a laborer and mason tender, he was normally the first to show up on a job site and the last to leave, and of course making fun of his coworkers who thought construction was an 8 hour-a-day job. He also left his imprint all over the region, including having assisted in the building of Colonie Center, Crossgates Mall, Northway Shopping Center, St. Peter's Hospital, and countless others.

Never one to sit still too long, Arnold's retirement was short lived and he started to accompany friends to "help out" on masonry jobs until the age of 76. He was instantly recognizable for driving his truck with the lawnmowers in back, stopping by "for a minute" to enjoy a cold beer with his friends at The Black Horse and the North Albany American Legion, and perhaps most notably for his ever-present stogie. In his later years, you always saw him with 'man's best friend' Ricky.

Always quick to rib his friends or to 'show you the right way to do something', everyone has a story about Arnie that can make you laugh. He always gave time to help others including volunteering at Sacred Heart Church, as well as helping out just about every neighbor in North Albany and Voorheesville.

Arnold is survived by his loving wife, Emilia (Mannarino); daughter Theresa; sons Arnold Jr (Sherrie) and Antonio (April). Four grandchildren: Dominic and Michael Abate; Tyler and Hailee Smith. Also survived by siblings Saverio "Sam" Abate, Dora Eaftrato, Edie McDonnell (Edward), and brother-in-law Fiore Provenzano, as well as many nieces and nephews. Predeceased by parents Michele and Theresa, stepmother Carolina, siblings Clara Provenzano, Frank Abate (and wife Virginia), Rocco Abate, brother-in-law Lawrence Eaftrato, and sister-in-law Mildred Abate.

Arnold was also blessed to have such good friends as John and Leah (jokingly referred to as his 'adopted children'), John and Teresa, Jeff and Kathleen, he always enjoyed having a cigar with Mel, and chatting with all of his neighbors, who jokingly came to refer to him as "the mayor of Apple Blossom". Once in the home care of Hospice, Arnold was very appreciative to Leah and Pam for all of their caring and compassion.

Relatives and friends are invited to pay respects on Tuesday, June 15, from 4 – 7pm, at New Comer Cremations & Funerals, 343 New Karner Rd in Colonie.

His funeral mass will take place on Wednesday June 16 at 10am at Sacred Heart Church on Walter St in North Albany, in accordance to Arnold's wishes.

Internment will take place at St Agnes Cenetery in Menands, where he will rest among other members of his family.

Those wishing are welcome to make a donation in Arnold's name to the charity of your choice.

Cemetery

St. Agnes Cemetery, Menands
48 Cemetery Ave
Menands, NY, 12204

Events

JUN 15 **Calling Hours** 04:00PM - 07:00PM
New Comer Funerals & Cremations
343 New Karner Road, Colonie, NY, US, 12205

JUN 16 **Funeral Mass** 10:00AM
Sacred Heart of Jesus
33 Walter Street, Albany, NY, US, 12204

JUN 16 **interment** 11:45AM
St. Agnes Cemetery, Menands
48 Cemetery Ave, Menands, NY, US, 12204